

By: Representative Evans

HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE THE CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE
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STAR SCHOOLS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, established in 1998, the Military Child Education Coalition is a nonprofit organization that supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle, and it created the Purple Star program to help mitigate the challenges of high mobility by setting standards for and publicly designating military-friendly schools; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Star program was launched to help states work with schools to help children of military families who are continuously being moved around from school to school; and

WHEREAS, because military-connected families move three (3) times more often on average than their civilian counterparts, these families are required to be tough and agile, and the Purple Star program seeks to reduce this burden on families by articulating the most critical transition supports for military-connected families, publicly designating schools that meet those support requirements, and signaling to military-connected families which schools are the most committed and best equipped to meet the military-



connected families' needs; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Purple Star School Award for military-friendly schools was created to recognize schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces with a special Purple Star recognition to display in their building and to be recognized on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's website; and

WHEREAS, schools within the Cabot School District were the first in the state to be designated Purple Star Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cabot School Board adopted a resolution of support for military children and families, and Cabot School District has dedicated a web page on its website featuring resources and services to help military families, stating in part that the district appreciates the sacrifices these families make, supports the approximately one thousand (1,000) military-connected students in the district, and commits to serving them both emotionally and academically,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate the Cabot School District and the schools within the district for being named Purple Star Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Cabot School District by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

/s/Evans